

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week Ending January 27, 2017**  
**Water Division**

**Significant Items for Last Week (January 23-27)**

**Appeal of EPA UIC Permit for Florence Copper:** Three separate petitions for review of the final Florence Copper UIC permit were filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB). Appellants include a Florence town councilman, Gila River Indian Community, and a joint filing by local developer SW Value Partners and the Town of Florence.

**Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Albright, 2-3971)

**Engaging on Proposed California Mercury Criteria:** On January 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a meeting with the California State Water Board, to get input from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service on California's proposed mercury criteria protective of aquatic life and aquatic-dependent wildlife for waters not currently covered by approved mercury water quality standards.

**Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Hashimoto, 2-3452)

**GAO Interest in Lead Testing in Schools:** On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we participated in an entrance call with EPA Headquarters, Regions and the GAO on lead in elementary and secondary schools. GAO is interested in assessing federal and state oversight and assistance to help school districts address lead in drinking water. Testing and remediation under the federal Lead and Copper Rule are the responsibility of public water systems serving schools, and not the schools themselves. (Li, 2-3560)

**Upcoming Wetlands Permit Elevation Decision in Northern California:** **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

organ, 2-3309 and Rosetti, 2-3070).

**Reengaging with the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA):** On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we met with CASA to resume quarterly meetings to discuss issues important to EPA and sanitation agencies and to identify opportunities to improve technology innovation, biosolids management, and electronic data reporting. (Smith, 2-3464)

**Significant Items for Next 2-3 Weeks**

**Training for Urban Waters Grantees:** On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will assist the [Urban Waters Learning Network](#) and Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds in a webinar training for the 2016 Urban Waters awardees. We will help present on Urban Waters grant management topics including, terms and

conditions, changes to projects, reporting, and close-out. Participation is required of all grant recipients. (Vollmer, 2-3447)

### **Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

**Discussing Infrastructure and Water Reuse with Bay Area Wastewater Dischargers:** On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will speak at the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' Annual Meeting in Oakland about EPA's efforts to help local programs build capacity to renew infrastructure and make efficient use of reclaimed water resources. (Smith, 2-3464)

**Climate Change Symposium:** On January 25-26, we participated in [the California Climate Change Symposium](#), hosted by the State of California; topics included: heat event impacts on public health, wildfire and sea level rise impacts on infrastructure (water, electric and fuel systems), and impacts of ocean acidification. The symposium included federal, state, and local agencies, water & power utilities, business owners and local governments. (Marr, 2-3468)

### **Other Information**

**Division Director Schedule (January 30-February 3):** Internal Personnel (b) (2)